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Orange County Youth Bureau Honors Maritza Wilson and City of Newburgh Youth



Maritza Wilson (center), is pictured with County Executive Edward Diana at the 26th Annual County Executive/ Orange County Youth Bureau Awards Program. Also shown (l-r) Chante Coppedge, Derrick Walters, City of Newburgh Youth Bureau, Shaquille Wimberly, Carol Chichester, Executive Director, Orange County Youth Bureau, Justin Caesar, and Shinyere Davis.

Maritza Wilson of the City of Newburgh Youth Bureau, Department of Human Services, was honored at the 26th Annual County Executive/Youth Bureau Awards Program. County Executive Edward Diana presented Maritza with the Betty Jane Polanis Spirit of Volunteerism Award, in recognition of her valuable contributions to developing assets for youth in Orange County. Senator William Larkin, Assemblyman Tom Kirwan, and Assemblywoman Annie Rabbit also sent certificates of recognition.

City of Newburgh youth also took home honors. Justin Caesar received the Outstanding Leadership/Volunteerism/Citizenship award for grades 9-12; and Chante Coppedge and Shinyere Davis received certificates in the same category. Shaquille Wimberly of the

Newburgh Youth Bureau Youth Voices program received the “Outstanding Leadership/Volunteerism/Citizenship Youth Development Action Team Leader” award.

Maritza was nominated by her supervisor, Joy Pittman, who recognized her for the many hours outside of the regular work day she spends helping to create positive activities for youth, including the Debutante and Gentleman’s Ball, Jack O’Lantern Jubilee, Back to School Bash, National Night Out, and many others throughout the year.

Most recently, Maritza helped put together a highly successful Puerto Rican Day Family Heritage festival, along with her team, Courtney Kain, Jeanette Sanchez, Omari Shakur, and Mirna Sanchez. City Manager Jean-Ann McGrane noted that this particular event, which came together in a very short time, was very well attended and enjoyed by all, and the City is already planning to build on its success for next year.

“We are very fortunate to have someone with Maritza’s dedication and willingness to give of herself working to create positive opportunities for our young people and their families,” said McGrane.